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In re Application of: )  
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 ) 09/065,492  
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Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
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For: PUTAMEN OVI )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the following amendments be entered prior to calculation of the filing fee for this divisional application. It is believed that no fee other than the filing fee is required for entry of this amendment. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-5, 10, 14-15, 18 and 23.

## REMARKS

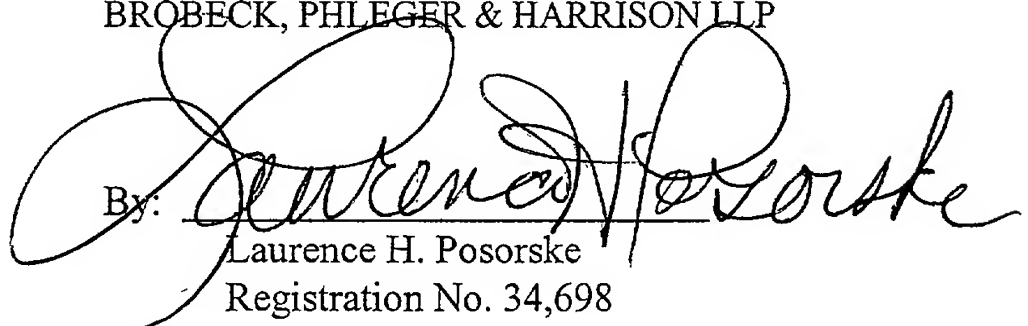
This application is a division of U.S. Ser. No. 09/065,492, which has been allowed. Dependent claims allowed in the parent application are canceled herein, and the remaining claims will be amended upon receipt of the first Office Action to adjust dependencies and address any issues raised during examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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